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SUBJECT:GATT ACCESSION--QUESTIONS ON PARAGUAYAN TRADE  
REGIME

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MISSION REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO GATT  
SECRETARIAT RE PARAGUAYAN MEMORANDUM ON FOREIGN TRADE:

1. WOULD THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT CLARIFY AND COMMENT  
UPON THE OPERATION AND PURPOSE OF THE TEMPORARY ADMISSION  
REGIME? HOW DOES THIS REGIME FUNCTION AS AN INCENTIVE  
MECHANISM?

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2. IS THERE ANY MANDATORY NATIONAL LEGISLATION WHICH MIGHT RUN COUNTER TO OR BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT?

3. DOES PARAGUAY MAINTAIN MECHANISMS FOR APPLYING SAFEGUARDS, ANTIDUMPING DUTIES OR COUNTERVAILING DUTIES? IF SO, HOW DO THESE MECHANISMS WORK?

4. WITH WHICH COUNTRIES DOES PARAGUAY MAINTAIN BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS? DOES PARAGUAY INTEND TO CONTINUE A SYSTEM OF BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS AFTER CURRENT AGREEMENTS EXPIRE?

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PARAGUAY DOES NOT MAINTAIN A SYSTEM OF IMPORT LICENSING FOR NORMAL COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND THAT PROHIBITED IMPORTS CONSIST PRIMARILY OF SUCH THINGS AS OBSCENE LITERATURE, SWITCHBLADE KNIVES, WEAPONS OF WAR AND A NUMBER OF GOODS CUSTOMARILY PROHIBITED BY MOST COUNTRIES. DOES PARAGUAY HAVE ANY PROHIBITIONS OR QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON GOODS OTHER THAN THOSE FALLING WITHIN THIS CATEGORY. IF SO, WHY ARE THESE GOODS RESTRICTED?

6. DOES PARAGUAY SUBJECT ANY PRODUCTS TO EXPORT RESTRICTIONS? IF SO, WHAT ITEMS ARE RESTRICTED AND WHY?

7. WHAT TAXES, FEES, LEVIES OR CHARGES ARE APPLIED TO IMPORTS IN ADDITION TO NORMAL IMPORT DUTIES? WHAT ARE THE RULES GOVERNING APPLICATION OF SUCH CHARGES?

8. ARE ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE IMPORTATION OF SPECIFIC AGRICULTURAL OR INDUSTRIAL COMMODITIES INTO PARAGUAY? IF SO, WHAT COMMODITIES ARE AFFECTED, WHAT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE RESPONSIBLE AND WHAT IS THE NATURE OF SUCH INVOLVEMENT?

9. HAS THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED THE ELIMINATION OF CONSULAR INVOICE REQUIREMENTS IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING NORMAL COMMERCIAL INVOICES TO BE USED FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPORTATION?

10. WOULD THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT CLARIFY THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION NO. 3, ACT NO. 40 OF 10 MARCH 1972 OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF PARAGUAY? DOES THIS RESOLUTION PROVIDE FOR CONCESSIONARY FINANCING OF EXPORTS?

11. WOULD THE GOP EXPLAIN THE OPERATION OF THE "FISCAL

INCENTIVES" ADMINISTERED BY THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
BANK TO PROMOTE IMPORTATION OF INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND  
EQUIPMENT.

12. WHAT ARE THE MAJOR NATIONAL POLICY GUIDELINES  
ESTABLISHED BY DECREE LAW 2373& WHICH SPECIFIC FOREIGN  
TRADE OPERATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED OR DISCOURAGED BY IT?

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